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Three Arrested in Organized Theft Ring

On Wednesday November 19, 2014 at 8:15 pm Beaverton officers responded to a shoplifting call at 3805 SW 117th Ave. Loss prevention from TJ Maxx called to report that there were three individuals in the store that were stealing merchandise.

Once officers arrived loss prevention told dispatch that two of the suspects had left in a vehicle and the third was walking away. The suspect who was on foot was contacted and arrested near the store. The vehicle with the two remaining suspects was stopped at SW TV Highway and SW Murray and they were arrested.

The officers recovered over \$22,000.00 of stolen merchandise in this vehicle. The three suspects had left California on the morning of the 19th and drove into Oregon along I5. It appears that the suspects had hit TJ Maxx and Ross stores from Medford to Beaverton. These stolen items most likely would have been taken back to California and sold. The items recovered ranged from clothing, shoes, purses and perfumes.

The suspects were identified as Alicia Flores 42 from Santa Jose, California, Rafael Valencia-Guzman 33 of Sana Ana, California and Valeria Blanco 22 from San Jose, California. All three were lodged at the Washington County jail on multiple charges of theft 1 and organized retail theft.



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